

**MONTEREY PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 12, 2018**

The Environmental Commission of the City of Monterey Park held a Regular Meeting of the Commission in the Engineering Conference Room, located at 320 West Newmark Avenue in the City of Monterey Park, Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wong called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

Chair Wong led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Principal Management Analyst Tam called the roll:

Commissioners Present: Shirley Hwong, Jenelle Dhing, Karl Wong, Sam Cheung, and Stephen Fong

Commissioners Absent: None

Youth Advisors Present: Kailey Ogawa-Monroe

Youth Advisors Absent: Celeste Chan

ALSO PRESENT: Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam, Planet Savers Founder / Mark Keppel High School Student Stanley Lin, Mark Keppel High School Students Spencer Lin and Athena Flores, and Monterey Park Resident Tammy Sam

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. **PRESENTATION** – None.

2. **OLD BUSINESS** – None.

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

3-A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the special meeting of May 8, 2018.

Action Taken: The Environmental Commission approved the minutes from the regular meeting of May 8, 2018.

Motion: Commissioner Cheung moved to approve the May 8, 2018 minutes and Commissioner Dhing seconded, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Commissioners:	Hwong, Wong, Fong
Noes:	Commissioners:	None

Absent: Commissioners: None
Abstain: Commissioners: None

3-B. EARTH DAY FESTIVAL VIDEO FOR MPK YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Chair Wong presented to the Commissioners a video he made for the Earth Day Festival and Bike Ride 2018. The Commission unanimously approved the video to be posted on the MPK YouTube Channel.

3-C. REPETTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRESENTATION BY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Chair Wong reported that Repetto Elementary School Principal Gazga invited the Environmental Commission to have a 45-minute presentation at Repetto Elementary School to talk about activities that the Commission does; the School would like to get involved with the City's 2019 Earth Day Festival. The presentation targets their 8th graders and the tentative date for the presentation will be in March 2019.

3-D. CSULA HYDROGEN RESEARCH FACILITY SPEAKER AND FIELD TRIP

Chair Wong reported that CSULA Hydrogen Research Facility Department Head Michael Dray invited the Environmental Commission for a field trip. The Commission discussed available dates for the field trip: June 22, June 29, or July 27. Chair Wong will coordinate and confirm the field trip date and time and report back to the Commission at the July regular Commission meeting.

3-E. POTRERO GRANDE TREE PLANTING

Commissioner Cheung proposed tree planting along Potrero Grande and asked if the City has any plans on planting trees on Potrero Grande. Principal Management Analyst Tam briefed the Commission that the City has proposed \$3.6 million in the Fiscal Year (FY) 18-19 CIP budget to beautify the corridor by building medians and planting approximately 60 trees. The proposed FY 18-19 budget will be adopted on June 20, 2018 at the Council meeting.

3-F. THEODORE PAYNE FOUNDATION WORKSHOP AND DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

Commissioner Cheung reported that Hillcrest Elementary School inquired about the City's Demonstration Garden project. Commissioner Cheung briefed the Commission what the Theodore Payne Foundation does; the Foundation has a nursery located in Sun Valley that is opened to the public. The Commission discussed the possibility of the Commission collaborating with the Alhambra Unified School District, Garvey School District, and the Foundation to coordinate

some educational tours for elementary school students. There will be more discussions at future regular Commission meetings.

3-G. SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER FORUM

Chair Wong briefed the Commission that the 2018 San Gabriel Valley Water Forum will be held at Sheraton Fairplex in Pomona on September 18, 2018 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Notable keynote speakers will include Erin Brockovich and other scholars in the field.

4. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Principal Management Analyst Tam announced that Monterey Park Home Depot Grand Opening Celebration event will be held on June 13, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Co-Chair Hwong announced that the City's Recreation and Community Department will be hosting a series of summer concerts at the Barnes Park Amphitheater on June 10, July 4, and August 12, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Barnes Park Amphitheater is located at 320 W. Newmark Ave.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Bonnie Tam
Staff Liaison to the Environmental Commission
City of Monterey Park

Approved on July 10, 2018 at the Environmental Commission regular meeting